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In re Application of:

Kazuyuki SATO

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For: **HARDWARE MANAGEMENT
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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the Office Action mailed August 24, 2005, the period for response extending to November 25, 2005 (November 24, 2005, being a federal holiday), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper.